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The IPC offers the following suggestion in response to the Director's call for new initiatives:

- a) Intelligence Consumers Council--The Senior Interagency Group Committee on Requirements and Priorities is the DCI's formal mechanism for interacting with consumers. But a lower level entity is needed to ensure a direct, ongoing dialogue between producers and consumers of intelligence.

In addition, events like Chernobyl' highlight the fact that not all interested parties are represented on the SIG(I).

The Council could be operated by the chairman of the NIC and include members from the NSC Staff; Departments of State, Commerce, Treasury, Justice, and Energy; the military Unified and Specified Commands; FBI; NIESO; the Strategic Defense Initiative; the Environmental Protection Agency; Health and Human Services; Customs; DEA; etc.

Such an organization could, through interface with the Intelligence Producers Council, provide day-to-day expression of consumers' interests and needs as well as long-range concerns for trends and issues likely to become of major concern to US policymakers. This kind of interface, moreover, would enhance the effectiveness of the Intelligence Producers Council by ensuring that its products and activities (for example, the Production Enhancement Initiatives, the Future Intelligence Requirements Forecast, or the National Intelligence Topics) truly reflect the needs and concerns within the working level apparatus of US policy making organizations.

This broadened consumer contact is in keeping with the National Foreign Intelligence Strategy--which notes the need for new approaches to consumer relations.

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